From: Ed Kohl
To: Devereux, Jan
Subject: Re: Cambridge, Massachusetts City Council - BDS
Date: Sunday, April 22, 2018 1:41:26 PM

Peace demands negotiation.
Until there are two parties agreeing to negotiate there will be no peace.
Shalom,
Ed

On Apr 22, 2018, at 1:37 PM, Devereux, Jan <jdevereux@cambridgema.gov> wrote:

I don't think either side should claim a "victory" until their is peace.

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From: Ed Kohl <edsmailing@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 22, 2018 1:26:27 PM
To: Devereux, Jan
Subject: Re: Cambridge, Massachusetts City Council - BDS

Jan,
Thank you.
From the JVP people, sounds like they have a victory.
Ed Kohl

On Apr 22, 2018, at 1:02 PM, Devereux, Jan <jdevereux@cambridgema.gov> wrote:

There's been a good deal of misinformation about a boycott resolution from both sides. It's not before the Council for a vote and I doubt it will be.

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From: Ed Kohl <edsmailing@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 22, 2018 11:03:59 AM
To: City Council; McGovern, Marc; Devereux, Jan; Carlone, Dennis; Kelley, Craig; Mallon, Alanna; Siddiqui, Sumbul; Simmons, Denise; Toomey, Tim; Zondervan, Quinton
Subject: Cambridge, Massachusetts City Council - BDS

Dear members of the Cambridge, Massachusetts City Council,

I grew up in Brookline, graduated BU and visit frequently.

I oppose the lack of transparency and unfair singling out of Israel in this City Council Vote.

The Cambridge City Council should not abdicate its responsibilities to an interest group whose purpose is to demonize Israel.

Any resolution of this kind deserves a full and fair public hearing, including inviting experts and interested parties to weigh in openly before action is taken.

The BDS movement is detrimental to achieving peace and is clearly anti-Semitic.
Anti-Semitism is the motivation for the BDS campaign whose goal is to delegitimize Israel.
BDS constitutes a concrete threat to the future of Israel's economic, academic, cultural, sports and political standing.

There are many people of goodwill, who are working to bridge the divide between Israelis and Palestinians.
Boycotts, like the one under consideration, undermine these peacemakers, fuel polarization, and strengthen the hands of those who reject co-existence.

Singling out Israel amongst all the nations and holding them to a unique ethical standard raises

troubling issues about the Cambridge City Council.

The following states (so far) adopted anti-BDS laws - because BDS is wrong and proves the Cambridge City Council will be an outlier among civilized local governments and will tarnish the reputation of your city.:

Alabama
Arizona
California
Colorado
Florida
Georga
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Maryland
Michigan
Minnesota
Nevada
New Jersey
New York
North Carolina
Ohio
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia
Wisconsin

Regards,

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